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A Summer Home in the Shawangunk Mountains

1,500 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL

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MOUNT MEENAHGA

Is located one hundred miles from New York city, in the heart of the "Shawangunks," a mountain range famed for its magnificent scenery, dry, invigorating air and pure water.

The Estate, comprising more than five hundred acres, extends along the mountain for nearly two miles, its northern and southern boundaries being defined by deep mountain gorges, through which run never failing streams with numerous cascades and waterfalls.

On the property and on the thousands of acres of mountain wilds adjoining are wonderful crevices and caverns with glens and nooks of marvelous beauty. Everywhere abound great variety of wood and shrub with all manner of flowers and ferns. The rocks and ledges, peculiar to the Shawangunks, present most wonderful forms, and in their dress of lichen, moss and vine, afford ever fresh attraction to the visitor.

Here in this mountain retreat, an average low temperature is secured throughout the summer months; gentle breezes are in almost constant play and the prevailing southwest winds, passing for hundreds of miles over mountains and uplands, bring air of perfect purity, dry and exhilerating.

Springs of the Purest Water Abound; several of them having a temperature but little above that of ice water. Those supplying the house and cottages have their sources far up the hillside above the buildings. No pretence is made that this SIMPLY PURE WATER is a cure-all, or that it possesses remarkable medicinal properties, though all who drink "Meenahga water" are enthusiastic in its praise; many claiming real benefit from its use, and others having it shipped to their homes.

There is positive exemption from malarial influences. Water quickly percolates through the shaly soil covering the rocky bed of the entire region.

The House and Cottages have been erected upon a picturesque bluff facing northwest, at an altitude of fifteen hundred feet, and more than twelve hundred feet above the valley which they overlook.

From the porches and many rooms in each story of the house, as well as from all the cottages, may be enjoyed extensive and varied landscape views. All the wonders of the mountain ranges which stretch for seventy-five miles from the Delaware Water Gap in the distant south, to the towering peaks of the well known Catskills far away to the northward, are presented to the unaided vision; while the nearer hills and the valley, with its broad fields and orchards and woods, all prettily broidered with silvery water courses and dotted here and there with villages and hamlets, complete a picture of enchanting beauty.

Especial effort has been made to make all the buildings not only substantial and convenient, but attractive and in harmony with the beautiful natural surroundings; the comfort and good taste of our guests have been carefully considered in all of the appointments and furnishings of the house.

All halls and public rooms are heated by steam. The house is lighted throughout by gas.

Every room has an electric bell, and the larger sleeping rooms, as well as all the public rooms, are provided with open fire-places or fire-place stoves.

The toilet rooms are fitted with the latest and best sanitary appliances (all pipes outside of house) and the sewage is carried through vitrified pipes more than a mile down the mountain side.

There are two hundred and twenty feet of broad continuous piazzas; also porches and balconies for public and private use. A complete system for protection against fire, with modern appliances on every floor.

From one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy-five people can be accommodated.

A carefully prepared diagram or plan of each floor of the house will be furnished to parties inquiring for terms and rooms.

A Telephone in the house connects directly with the Western Union telegraph office and with the offices of excellent physicians in Ellenville. Also long distance telephone connection with New York city.

Daily Mail. The mail will arrive and depart twice each day, Sundays excepted. New York papers subscribed for through the House will be delivered before noon upon each week day during July and August.

Several horses, with single and double conveyances and careful drivers, also goats for the children, are kept by the proprietor and may be hired at reasonable prices.

The roads in the vicinity are generally good, and the varied attractions of the valley make driving especially enjoyable.

An abundance of pure milk and cream is furnished from the farm and farms adjoining; also a full supply of vegetables. Strawberries, huckleberries and raspberries grow in profusion on and near the place.

Bowling Alley. A separate building, especially constructed for the purpose, contains two regulation alleys.

Tennis Courts. Two excellent double courts and a CROQUET GROUND afford opportunity for indulgence in these popular games.

Golf Links have been laid out on the premises.

Entertainments of various sorts, arranged and conducted by the guests, are encouraged and the cheerful and hearty cooperation of the management is assured. Musicals, readings and card parties are of frequent occurrence. Walking clubs, boat rides on the Delaware & Hudson canal and exploration of extended mountain wilds are features of life at Mount Meenahga.

Reading Room and Library. The "Library Building," the first story of which is designed and used exclusively as a reading room, is located about forty feet from the main house. It is well lighted, heated and furnished for the comfort of those who enjoy a quiet hour with daily, weekly and monthly papers, magazines and reviews, with which it is supplied by the proprietor. There is also a library, free to guests, embracing books of reference and those of popular authors.

Ellenville, two miles distant, affords the guests of Mount Meenahga many of the advantages of a village home. Here are superior physicians, six churches of various denominations, well stocked stores, three banks, and the conveniences of an intelligent and progressive community. The population is about four thousand and the village enjoys the reputation of being one of the most attractive and healthful towns in the state.

Walks and Drives. Several miles of well graded roads (all of them dressed with shale) have been built upon the property. Some of them lead over the hill tops, affording even more extended views than those obtained from the house and cottages. Others wind among the giant trees of the original forest down into the deep gorges, disclosing at every turn a wealth of natural beauty found only in mountains like the Shawangunks.

The many paths and mountain trails running out from the house in every direction (those to near-by points are covered with shale, affording dry walks immediately after a rain) have each an objective point. Under the Ledge, South Overlook, Overhanging Rocks, The Glen, Meenahga Falls and Solitude

are names of several points of interest and are only suggestive of the variety and grandeur of the scenery and attractions at Mount Meenahga.

Numerous summer houses and rustic seats are placed at convenient intervals over the entire property along the walks and drives.

The Ice Caves of the Shawangunks, renowned among geologists as being one of the best examples of this kind of ice preservation in the country, if not in the world, are phenomena most remarkable and interesting, and amply repay the two mile tramp over the trail leading to them, that one may enjoy a snowball in August and behold the countless tons of ice preserved through the hottest days of summer in their cavernous depths.

"Sam's Point," the mountain's crest, rising two thousand three hundred and forty feet above sea level,

> "A precipice
> That seems a fragment of some mighty wall
> Built by the hand that fashioned the Old World,
> To separate its nations."

is two miles from the house; a most enjoyable walk, or reached by carriages if preferred.

The famous and justly popular summer resorts, Mohonk and Minnewaska, are distant but a few hours drive, and frequent excursions are made by the guests of Mount Meenahga to both of these places, as well as by their guests to our resort.

ACCESSIBLE By New York, Ontario and Western R. R., stations in New York at Forty Second Street and Franklin Street, North River—same depots as the West Shore road. Schedule of trains will be furnished, on application, after the summer time-table is issued.

Stage or private conveyance will be sent to the depot to meet guests on arrival of any train, *upon notification.* Fare by stage, seventy-five cents; trunks, fifty cents each. The drive to Mount Meenahga is made in forty minutes.

Tickets for Ellenville sold and baggage checked through at R. R. Company's station and ticket offices in New York; also in Washington and Philadelphia at stations of Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

RATES OF BOARD: Single rooms, $12 to $25 per week; Double rooms, $20 to $35 per week. Transient rates, $3, $3.50 and $4 per day.

Cottages, six in number, each containing a sitting room with open fire-place and from five to seven sleeping rooms, rent furnished at from $175 to $250 for the season. At these prices parties are to care for their own cottages.

TABLE BOARD FOR COTTAGE GUESTS—Adults, and Children in regular dining room, $8.00 per week; Children's and Nurses' prices on application, giving age of children and requirements.

Mount Meenahga is kept as a STRICTLY TEMPERANCE HOME. Visitors are not expected to arrive or depart on the Sabbath.

The guests of former years and those whose patronage we solicit, belong to the cultured and moral classes coming for the real object of seeking health and enjoyment in a quiet and restful place. The names accompanying, to whom reference is made, are selected from among our patrons, and while they have not been consulted as to this use of their names, it is hoped that they will cheerfully give such information as may be desired relative to the place.

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